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DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 27 to April 14 – General
CRP Sign-up**

**March 31 – Final date for Loan or
LDP on 2005 Wheat**

**April 14 – Final Date to Request
Extensions on 1997 CRP**

May 29 – Office Closed for Holiday

**May 31 – Final Date for Loan or
LDP on 2005 Feed Grains**

**June 1 – Final Date for 2006 DCP
signatures**

**June 1 – Final Date for Wheat
Acreage Reports**

February, 2006

Clay County FSA News

Committee Election Results

The Clay County FSA Committee has announced the results of the recent election for the committee position in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1. Elected for this 3 year term is: **William Lenhart**. Serving as Alternates to this position are Randy Siebold and Greg Sherbert. We would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to Dudley Sanneman, for the past 21 years of dedicated service he has provided Clay County farmers as FSA's Community and County Committee member.

CRP Extensions and CRP Sign-up

CRP contracts that will expire September, 2007 can be offered for an extension through April 14, 2006. To avoid program violations, participants will want to ensure weeds and trees are adequately controlled on these acreages prior to requesting their extensions.

A general **CRP sign-up** will be held March 27 through April 14. Details concerning this sign-up have not been issued. If you have land you want to consider offering in this CRP sign-up, please contact our office for an appointment.

Loan and LDP Deadlines

The final date to request a CCC commodity loan or LDP on 2005 wheat, oats, or barley is March 31, 2006. The deadline to submit loan or LDP applications for the 2005 corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, and sunflowers is May 31, 2006.

For the 2006 LDP payments, participants will need to sign the form CCC633EZ, page 1, before crops are harvested.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

We are taking appointments for producers to certify 2006 wheat acreages. We will once again utilize GIS imagery to certify on the computer. Please call ahead so we can make sure we have all necessary record and map changes completed before your visit. The final date to file acreage reports for the 2006 crop of wheat, oats or barley is Thursday, June 1, 2006. Acreage reports are required to be eligible for 2006 DCP payments, NAP coverage, commodity loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).

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DCP – Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program Signup

Signup is underway for the DCP 2006 program year. The final date to sign into the DCP program is June 1, 2006.

Advance direct payments of 40% can be requested any month through September 2006. The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested.

NAP Information

March 15, 2006 is the final application date for 2006 fruits, vegetables, sorghum for forage and other spring planted forage crops.

NAP reminders –

****Producers with losses** are to notify FSA within 15 days of the loss. As with crop insurance, the crop is not to be destroyed until released by a NAP crop loss adjuster.

****Producers are required to report their NAP acres timely.** Producers with grazing coverage need to report the pasture acres before moving the livestock to pasture. Also, alfalfa must be reported before the first cutting is harvested.

****Producers are to provide bale counts and weights when reporting production of baled crops.** We must have verifiable weights of the bales. The time to verify production is at the completion of harvest. The production needs to be reported so it is verifiable and has not been fed.

2005 Program Payments

During the 2005 calendar year 1229 Clay County farm enterprises received FSA benefits totaling over \$14 million. Participants wanting to access a "Customer Statement" of their payments on-line may do so if they have a Level 2 Access account. With Level 2 Access many program benefits can also be requested on your home computer, including e-LDPs and enrolling in DCP. To set up your account, visit the USDA website located at www.usda.gov. On the bar titled My USDA, click "New User". After you complete the initial set-up, you will need to visit the local FSA office so that we can verify you as the actual user of the account.